

A NEW DROSERA FROM VENEZUELA

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Shortly after entering the Grand Savanna of Venezuela on the northern side we left the road to examine a sandy area with scattered small shrubs. On the patches of white sand between was a *Drosera* so small that it could easily be covered by a quarter and with so short a peduncle that the one or two flowers appeared practically sessile. This new species was such a happy augury for the Smiths' introduction to the Guayana Highland that we have christened it as follows:

***Drosera felix* Steyermark & Smith, sp. nov.** Fig. 1.

Plantae solitariae; caulis curtissimis; foliis dense rosulatis, patentibus; stipulis ad petiolum 1/3 adnatis, ad medium 3-laciniatis, membranaceis, 2.5-3 mm longis, basi vaginantibus, solidis, 1 mm latis, segmentis laciniatis anguste triangulari-lanceolatis, longe attenuatis, 1.7-2.2 mm longis, 0.2-0.3 mm latis, glabris; petiolis 5-5.5 mm longis, 0.7 mm crassis, supra minute papilloso-verruculosis et pilis patentibus paucicellularibus acicularibus laxissime vestitis, subtus pilis multis adpressis simplicibus acicularibus onustis; laminis suborbicularibus, apice late rotundatis, 3 mm longis, 2.5 mm latis, castaneo-purpureis, supra margine glandulis 2-4 stipitatis et centro glandulis subsessilibus vestitis, subtus pilis eis petioli similibus; pedunculo nullo vel haud ultra 2.5 mm longo, eglanduloso; bractea linearilanceolata, acuminata, 1.5 mm longa, 0.1 mm lata, ciliata; floribus 1-2; pedicello 1-5 mm longo, pilis adpresso-adscendentibus simplicibus et glandulis remotis sessilibus atropurpureis vestito; hypanthio cupulato-subcampanulato, 0.8 mm longo, 1.2 mm lato, pilis patentibus remotis vestito; sepalis 5, lanceolatis, 1.5-1.8 mm longis, sub medium 0.8 mm latis, e pilis laxis ascendentibus simplicibus paucicellularibus hirsutulis; petalis 5, patentibus, albis, obovatis, apice rotundatis, basi cuneatis, 2.5 mm longis, 1.5 mm latis; stami-

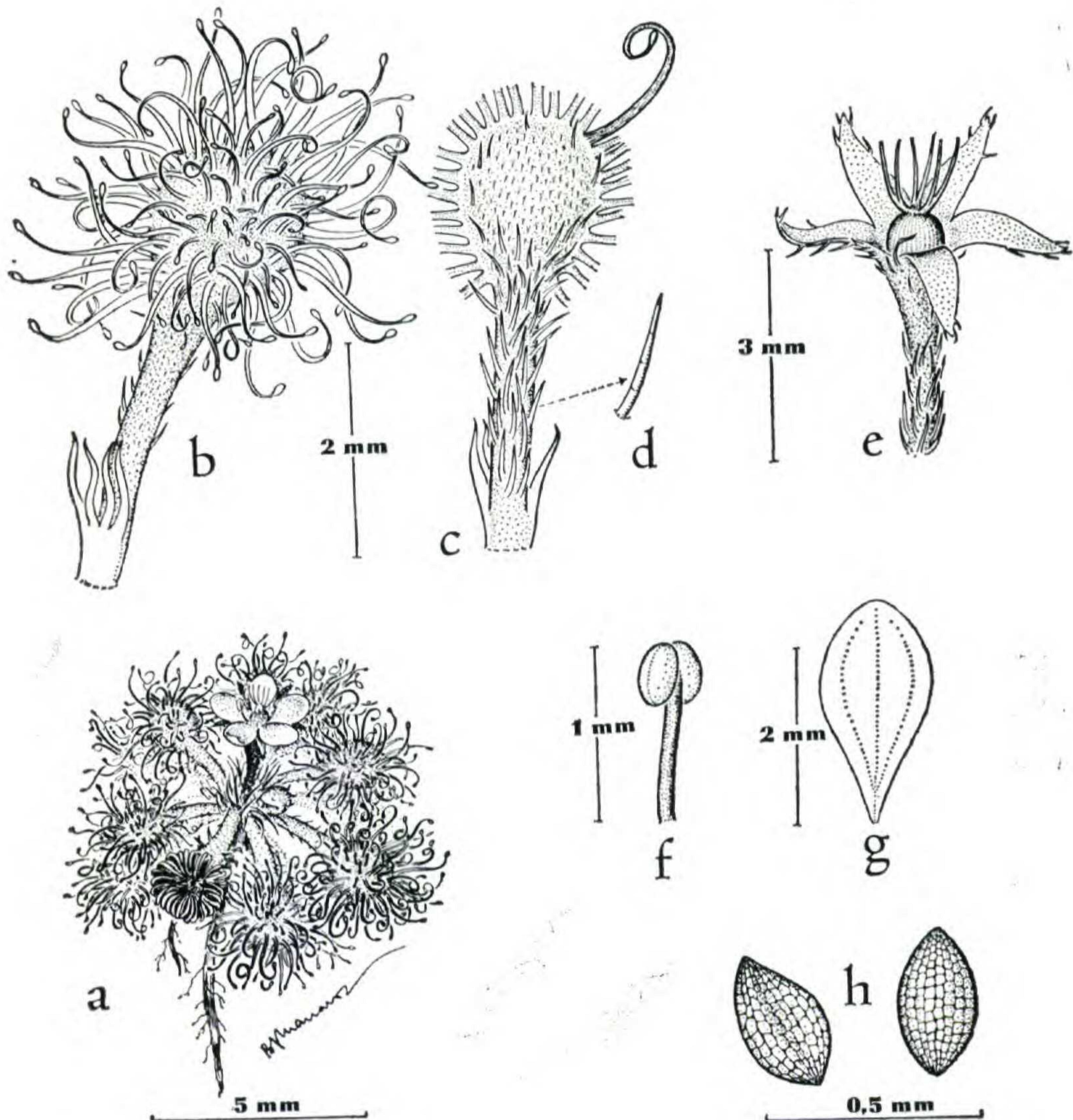


Fig. 1, a-h, *Drosera felix*: a, habit; b, single leaf (upper side); c, single leaf (lower side); d, hair detached from petiole; e, calyx and pistil with pedicel; f, stamen; g, petal; h, seed, ventral and dorsal views from left to right.

nibus 5, quam petalis brevioribus; filamentis 1 mm longis, glabris; antheris subhemisphaericis, 0.5 mm longis, 0.4-0.5 mm latis; ovario subgloboso, 1 mm longo, 1 mm lato, glabro; stylis 3, ad basim bipartitis, ramis 1.7 mm longis, glabris.

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